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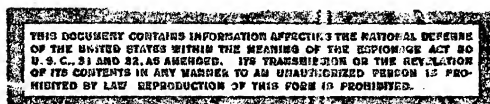
SUBJECT Production for the Third and Fourth Quarters of 1952
at VEB Kupfer- und Blechwalzwerk Michael Niederkirchner,
Ilseburg

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The following report is extracted from the minutes of a meeting held on 5 November 1952 by members of the Ministry of Smelting and Mining.

1. The quotas for the third quarter of 1952 at the VEB Kupfer- und Blechwalzwerk Michael Niederkirchner, Ilseburg were not met according to program, because a considerable number of the plates that were rolled was not of the right kind. The production for the third quarter of 1952 is as follows, according to the kind of plate and to percentages of fulfillment:

	July	August	September
Plates of fixed size	53.8%	39.0%	42.3%
Plates of sundry sizes	30.3	30.6	26.7
Ila plates	15.9	30.4	31.0

2. The backlog in production of plates of fixed sizes amounted to 3,100 tons as of 1 October 1952.
3. It is expected that rolling mill III will fulfill its production program for the fourth quarter of 1952.
4. The original quota for rolling mill I, taking into consideration the construction projects which are to be carried out in the fourth quarter of 1952, amounts to 4,000 tons. However, since the construction planned for the fourth quarter will no longer be carried out in 1952, the plant will have to show a total production by rolling mill I of 12,500 tons in the fourth quarter of 1952. This production will be divided as follows:

Plates of fixed sizes	5,250 tons
Plates of sundry sizes	
and piece plates	3,500 "
Plates of Ila quality	3,750 "
	12,500 "

5. At the rolling program conference it was expected that 4,000 tons would be delivered in the fourth quarter of 1952. Subsequently, 5,000 tons of plates would be delivered as follows:

Maschinenbau	2,000 tons
Huettenwesen	400 "
Others	600 "

This would result in a total of 7,000 tons.

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5. The total of 7,000 tons is desired by the customers almost exclusively in plates of fixed sizes (boiler plates, ship plates and other plates (Abma:rebleche)). At the rolling program conference, however, it was categorically stated that at the most, 80 percent of the quota could be met by Ia plates, with the stipulation that the customers would state the smallest sizes he could use.

6. According to the above, the plant is required to deliver in the fourth quarter of 1952:

1952 fourth quarter quota	7,000 tons
1952 third quarter backlog	3,100 tons
	<u>10,100 tons</u>

The plant will only be able to produce 5,250 tons, ^{in fixed sizes} however.

7. The plant and the warehouse (Vertriebslager) were informed that all reparations orders and all orders for the energy program must be fulfilled in the fourth quarter, in any case. The remaining plates of fixed sizes are first to be used to fulfill government, railroad, and export orders.

8. The quota for the fourth quarter, including the backlog of 3,100 tons from the third quarter, amounts to 10,100 tons. A production of 8,750 tons of Ia plate is designated.